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## MAS 500

### FINANCIALS

- General Ledger
- Accounts Receivable
- Accounts Payable
- Advanced Consolidations
- Allocations
- Cash Management
- Fixed Asset Accounting
- Fixed Asset Inventory
- Multicurrency Management
- Purchase Order

### PROJECT ACCOUNTING

- Project Accounting
- eTimesheets
- Microsoft Project Link

### MANUFACTURING

- Light Manufacturing
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Advanced Planning and Scheduling
- Engineering Change Management
- Estimating
- Project Management
- Material Requirements Planning (MRP)
- Product Configurator
- Shop Floor Control

### DISTRIBUTION

- Inventory Management
- Inventory Replenishment
- Purchase Order
- Sales Order
- eOrder
- Advanced Kitting
- Product Configurator

### HUMAN RESOURCES AND PAYROLL

- Abra Attendance
- Abra HR
- Abra Payroll

### CRM

- eCustomer
- eSalesforce
- SalesLogix Sales
- SalesLogix Support

### BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE AND REPORTING

- Alerts
- eExecutive
- DataPorter
- Explorer
- Crystal Reports
- Web Reports

### CUSTOMIZATION

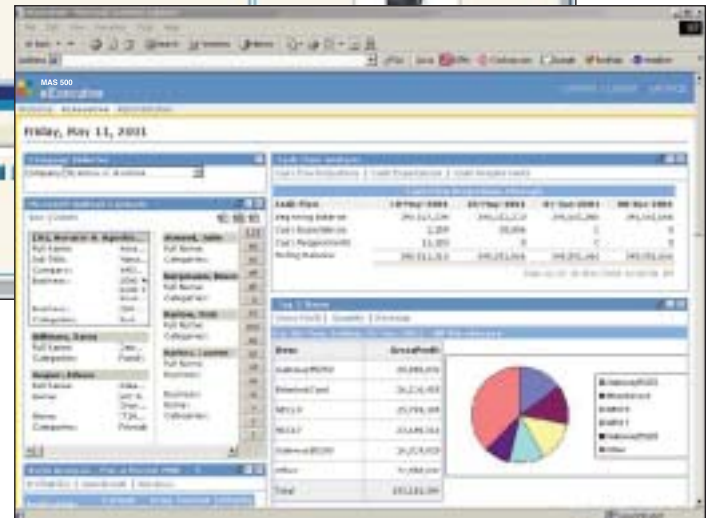
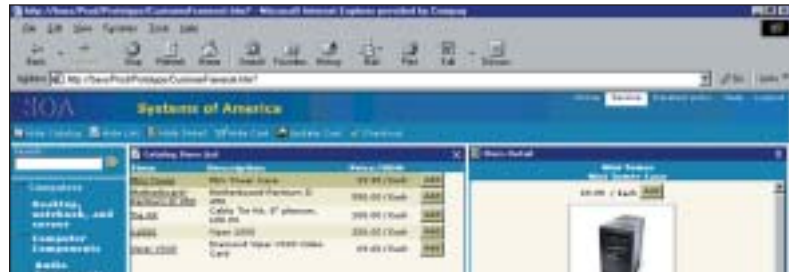
- Application Framework
- Customizer
- Source Code

### MAS 500 SOLUTIONS

- CRM and E-business
- Financials and Project Accounting
- Distribution and Manufacturing
- Human Resources and Payroll
- Customization



## AVAILABLE MODULES



Improve business-to-business customer service through the Internet with the MAS 500 eCustomer module (top screen). The eExecutive module (lower screen) keeps you in charge of your business by channeling all the information you need into one convenient and powerful Web page.

MAS 500 is a highly reliable, robust and integrated series of enterprise applications covering all areas of business, including financials, distribution, customer relationship management (CRM), manufacturing, human resources, payroll, project accounting, financial reporting, electronic commerce and more.

The products are designed exclusively for companies and leverages Microsoft tools, technology and architecture to provide a flexible, scalable and full-featured enterprise management solution.

MAS 500 offers market-leading functionality in a variety of areas. Its distribution capabilities are extensive, supporting multiple warehouses, forecasting, and automated procurement. The outstanding manufacturing capabilities include routings, bills of material, work orders, MRP, scheduling, job costing, and labor reporting. An out-of-the-box customer self-service application gets businesses up and running quickly with an integrated, powerful Web site for order taking and account inquiries.

In addition, the MAS 500 design integrates with other applications, including Web sites and e-commerce applications, allowing customers to fully support their e-business plans with MAS 500. These strengths combine with many others to provide a complete accounting and business solution.



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## MAS 500 Available Modules

### Financials

MAS 500 offers deep financial functionality and superior usability. Integration of multiple processes, easy access, reducing data errors and streamlined customization are only a few of the benefits of MAS 500 financial software. The integration with Microsoft Office, BackOffice and the Internet, combined with its exclusive optimization for the Windows and SQL Server platform, makes it an ideal solution for the ever-changing needs of today's growing businesses. The MAS 500 financial software includes the following modules: General Ledger, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Purchase Order, Multicurrency Management, Cash Management, FAS Asset Accounting, FAS Asset Inventory, Advanced Consolidations, Allocations and WebReports.

These modules can improve your cash flow, customer satisfaction, and access to up-to-the-minute data. At the same time, they offer a way to streamline your accounting processes, save time, increase the integrity of your data, and provide the means for instant analysis and presentation-quality reporting on a host of important issues that affect your decision-making and profitability. The modules provide extensive benefits and are fully integrated with the other modular solutions of MAS 500.

### Project Accounting

Effective project management enables professional services firms and corporate IT departments to achieve operational excellence through the unique ability to control people, projects and budgets with exceptional flexibility. The end result helps generate more revenue at a lower cost, eliminate wasted hours and produce more bottom-line savings.

The MAS 500 Project Accounting module allows project managers to optimize project profitability. Project managers can track actual vs. estimated costs through forecast completion, which helps prevent cost overruns and generate bottom-line savings. Project Accounting also integrates Microsoft Project providing managers and finance departments an end-to-end project management solution. The eTimeSheets module is a browser-based time and expense entry and project cost management module that connects a remote workforce through the Internet on a real-time basis.

### Distribution

In today's distribution environment, many factors can jeopardize your profitability. Optimizing inventory levels can mean the difference between improving profits and going out of business. The MAS 500 distribution solution is an integrated series of modules designed to give you everything you need to control your inventory levels — and their effect on your profits. Incorporating Inventory Management, Sales Order, eOrder, Purchase Order, Advanced Kitting, Product Configurator and Inventory Replenishment modules, you can customize your software system to fit your specific requirements. Accurately forecasting and managing for every eventuality, the MAS 500 distribution software is ideal for distributors with multiple warehouses in a variety of industries.

Designed by distribution experts, MAS 500 distribution modules can ensure on-time delivery to your important customers, maximize your productivity, and deliver advanced capabilities for tracking, managing and replenishing inventory throughout the entire distribution cycle — from automated purchasing to stocking, all the way through sales. With an eye on improving your profitability with these tools, the system helps you reduce carrying costs, maximize cash flow and enables you to buy smarter.

### Manufacturing

MAS 500 manufacturing was designed with the flexibility and expanded capabilities to handle unique business requirements for various industries, including metal fabrication, machine/equipment manufacturing, electronic or electric equipment assembly, high-tech products, stamping, injection molding, furniture/fixture production, wood products manufacturing, and more.

Fully integrated modules can help you optimize your processes and secure your profit margin by tying manufacturing data back to the core financial modules that serve as the base of the MAS 500 system. Manufacturing modules consist of Advanced Manufacturing, Light Manufacturing, Material Requirements Planning or MRP, Estimating, Engineering Change Management, Shop Floor Control, Advanced Planning and Scheduling, Product Configurator, and Prototyping.

Each module provides several key benefits and the manufacturing solution offers streamlined integration of routings and bills of material, which enable improved lead time calculations, more accurate material plans, and better resource allocation. The solution gives a real-time business snapshot, a critical competitive advantage that provides manufacturers with the ability to ship more products on time to their customers — making it the clear choice for manufacturing management.

### HR and Payroll

MAS 500 human resources management delivers a powerful, yet flexible, enterprise-wide HR solution for managing employee and business relationships, and overseeing the processes related to government compliance requirements and certifications. These impressive solutions can smoothly integrate HR and payroll information with many facets of your business operations.

The modules offered include core Abra HR, Abra Payroll, Abra Attendance and Employee Self Service. Based on Web technology, the self-service functions provide easy access to the HR system for review and update by employees company wide.

### CRM

MAS 500 provides the tools to better understand your customer, close more deals, and help you profit from the relationship. By giving complete customer information to sales and support people, requests from customers (e.g. leads) are managed effectively and accurately to everyone's satisfaction. By automating key activities, providing essential analytical tools, streamlining your company's communications and managing intelligence, you can attain new levels of efficiency with benefits that range from improved employee teamwork and more satisfied customers to a shorter sales cycle, more sales revenue, and higher profitability.

### Business Intelligence and Reporting

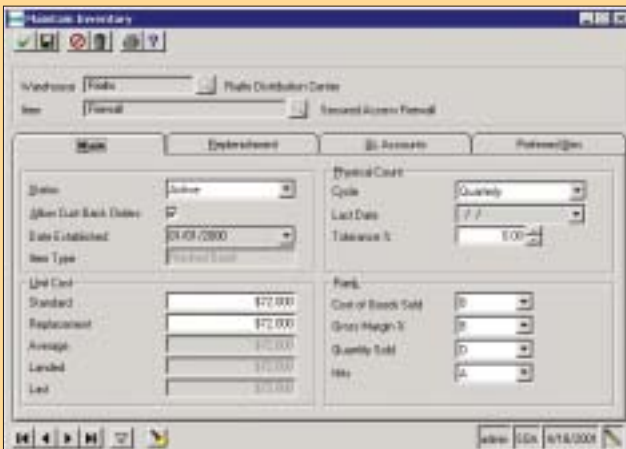
MAS 500 provides other valuable system components that can offer substantial benefits in running your business by enabling you to monitor key performance indicators efficiently and effectively. MAS 500 Alerts is one of the most popular MAS 500 modules. By sending e-mail notifications to you and your specified personnel when something significant happens in your business, MAS 500 Alerts can solve problems before they start and help you satisfy your customers far more consistently. MAS 500 Alerts uses standard or customizable early warning messages that announce critical events in your MAS 500 system, including credit holds, inventory thresholds, priority client transactions, urgency levels and more.

The eExecutive module is included as standard with MAS 500, and offers busy executives a customizable, Web-based, real-time overview of vital business operations as well as user-defined key performance indicators. Using the data available in MAS 500, your firm's senior staff can make better business-critical decisions in any environment with up-to-the-minute information.



*"MAS 500 is an excellent product with great functionality. All the modules integrate in a logical progression that makes a lot of sense to an accounting professional."*

Shawn Burke  
Assistant Controller  
Captive Network, Inc.



*Improve your inventory controls and customer service with the Inventory Management module.*



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MAS 500 Explorer, another standard module, saves time by giving you access to all system inquiries from one central location. Expansion of inquiries in Explorer provides better access to sales, customer, inventory and other information you depend on. Users also have the ability to export the detailed information displayed in Explorer directly to an Excel template for additional report formatting and analysis.

Additionally, you can view and generate all standard reports through Microsoft Internet Explorer with the MAS 500 WebReports module. These reports are created with the same high level of security as with the standard output of any MAS 500 module that offers reporting. Crystal Reports is the powerful report writer that is used throughout MAS 500 for formatting and printing presentation-quality reports.

#### Customization

The Customizer module gives even novice programmers the ability to easily modify screens and forms to match your specific business processes, look and feel, and improve staff productivity without making changes to the source code. Application Framework provides faster development at lower costs via Visual Basic controls, wizards, and utilities that solve housekeeping issues, including concurrency, user interface, security models, and data handling. Module Source Code is available for purchase with Application Framework, and allows more complex enhancements and changes to be made.

#### Implementation Tools

MAS 500 dramatically reduces implementation costs by providing an organized workflow of the steps required to configure the system combined with tools to facilitate the migration of data from your previous system. The configuration steps can be assigned to any user and integrated into Microsoft Outlook. At each step, you can select whether to import data using powerful import utilities, load it from a spreadsheet, or copy information from an existing MAS 500 company. Whatever your choice, the legacy data is validated as it is loaded into the system, ensuring the migration is smooth and complete.

Customers upgrading from MAS 90, MAS 200 or Platinum for Windows by Best have the added advantage of product-specific help for each migration step. The help information explains the differences between the two systems in terminology and functionality, assisting the customer in their understanding of the new system.

MAS 90 and MAS 200 customers are also provided with data migration tools that extract data from the old system. For example, when needing to configure the MAS 500 Accounts Receivable module, MAS 90 and MAS 200 customers can streamline the conversion process by automatically extracting the data from their old system.

Overall, MAS 500 lowers the burden of switching enterprise systems, enabling customers to focus their resources on the important task of leveraging MAS 500 features as effectively as possible.